2010 VOLUNTEER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



DANIEL BOONE NATIONAL FOREST

Red River Gorge

10 to 14 week backcountry ranger positions available

WHAT IS THE RED RIVER GORGE?

The Red River Gorge is a part of the Daniel Boone National Forest. The Gorge covers over 42,000 acres of rugged terrain in Menifee, Powell, and Wolfe Counties in eastern Kentucky. The Gorge has a federally designated wilderness, a wild & scenic river, a national scenic byway, and is a national archaeological district. Every year, hundreds of thousands of visitors come to the Gorge to hike, camp, climb, and enjoy the rugged beauty of the area.

WHAT DOES A BACKCOUNTRY RANGER DO?

The Red River Gorge has volunteer backcountry rangers that perform a wide range of duties. Most volunteer interns work for 10-14 week periods during the main recreation season from April-October. Backcountry Rangers rehabilitate backcountry campsites, close off illegal paths and campsites, patrol the backcountry trails, meet and talk with visitors, provide information on low-impact recreation use, record visitor use, monitor archaeological sites, and help maintain the trails and trailhead facilities. We are looking for people that can hike long distances in a variety of weather conditions, are outgoing and willing to talk with visitors, and can work weekends and some evenings.

WHAT ARE BENEFITS OF BEING A VOLUNTEER INTERN?

Interns are official U.S. Forest Service volunteers. The Forest Service will work with your school to set up internships for which you earn college credit. Experience obtained through a volunteer internship can be documented on future applications for federal employment. Training is available. A small daily stipend is available. Free housing and/or campsites may also be available for those that need it.

For an application or additional information contact:

Red River Gorge Manager Tim Eling Daniel Boone National Forest 3451 Sky Bridge Road Stanton, KY 40380

Phone: 606-663-0576 E-mail: teling@fs.fed.us